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SENATOR CHAFEE AFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO REPUBLICAN PARTY

Providence, RI -- U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today put to rest speculation that he would leave the Republican caucus. In comments following an event in Warren, Rhode Island, Senator Chafee spoke of his decision:

“My priorities remain unchanged – number one is to represent the people of Rhode Island in the United States Senate honestly and effectively. I intend to continue working within the Republican Senate caucus to stress the importance of a constructive, collaborative approach to the work of the Senate. We must confront the urgent problem of the budget deficit and the need for greater fiscal discipline, and find common ground on issues such as trade, environment and energy policy, health care, Middle East peace, and resolution of the war in Iraq. The American people expect the two parties to work together to achieve results, and the Senate is our best hope for success in demonstrating this. My Republican colleagues have let me know that they want me in their caucus. They value the voice I bring and they have made it very clear to me that they respect and want that voice to be heard. As a member of the party that controls the White House, and both houses of Congress, I feel that Rhode Islanders will be best served by my remaining a Republican.”